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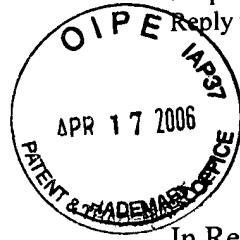
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the PTO on January 11, 2006. Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Action. As support for this request, applicant also hereby requests that the Examiner consider and enter into the record the following arguments.

In the Action under reply, claims 1-31 were examined. Claims 1-13 [sic], 5, 7-12, 15, 17-19, 21, 24, and 29-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Toshio et al (JP 60-042411 in view of its English language abstract, hereinafter “Koishi,” noting that the surname of the first-named inventor is Koishi), and claims 4, 6, 13, 14, 16, 20, and 25-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Zampini et al (US 2002/0058199A1, hereinafter “Zampini”) in view of Koishi. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of these rejections.